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Title: TISSUE FORMATION BY INJECTING A CELL-POLYMERIC
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This **Response to Office Action** is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 1999, rejecting claims 1-9, 11, 12, and 14-22. The cited references are U.S. Patent Nos. 4,642,120 to Nevo, *et al.*, 5,041,138 to Vacanti, *et al.*, 5,799,854 to Griffith-Cima, *et al.*, and 5,667,778 to Atala, *et al.*, 1992 Annual Meeting, Section on Urology, October 10-12, 1992. The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Amendment

Please amend the claims as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are enclosed in brackets):

Claim 11. Please delete "implantable medical device" in line 1 and insert -- implant -- therefor.

Claim 11. Please delete "device" in line 2 and insert -- implant -- therefor.

Claim 12. Please delete "composition" in line 1 and insert -- implant -- therefor.

Claim 14. Please delete "composition" in line 1 and insert --implant -- therefor.